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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
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THE WASHINGTON POST

THOMAS O'TOOLE WRITES THAT THE WORLD'S OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE PRICES \$2 A BARREL AT THE END OF THE SUMMER, A MOVE WHICH COULD DEEPEN THE WORLDWIDE BUSINESS RECESSION AND WOULD ADD UP TO EIGHT CENTS TO THE GALLON PRICE OF GASOLINE IN THE U.S. AT THE VERY LEAST, MANY ECONOMISTS FEEL, A \$2 INCREASE IN WORLD OIL PRICES WOULD POSTPONE THE TIME WHEN AN UPSWING IN BUSINESS MIGHT TAKE PLACE. (A-1)

MURREY HARDER SAYS THAT YOU AND GROMYKO MADE MARGINAL PROGRESS ON A COMPLEX OF DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN TWO DAYS OF TALKS AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN SOON, PROBABLY IN MID-JULY. THE UNEXPECTED PLAN TO HOLD A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS SO SOON WAS MADE PRIMARILY TO PERMIT DECISIONS TO DEVELOP ON NEW ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THE CONTINUING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. AMERICAN SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT GROMYKO GAVE THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE "A COOPERATIVE APPROACH" WITH THE U.S. IN RESOLVING THE MIDDLE EAST DILEMMA AT GENEVA. THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT GAIN THE SATISFACTION IT SEEKS FOR A DATE TO CONVENE THE 35-NATION EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE ON POST-WORLD WAR II RELATIONS BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE. THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE ALLIED POWERS, IT WAS SAID, IS THAT THIS CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN LATE JULY, BUT BARGAINING OVER IT CONTINUES. (A-1)

DON OBERDORFER REPORTS THAT SOUTH KOREA CALLED ON THE U.S. TO DEMONSTRATE BY DEEDS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MILITARY AID, THAT

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IT WILL NOT LET ITS ALLY SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS THAT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE STATEMENT SAID EVENTS IN INDOCHINA HAVE HAD A HEAVY EFFECT ON THE BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA AND, TOGETHER WITH NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS AND MANEUVERING, CREATED "NEW TENSION" ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. (A-1)

MEMBERS OF THE NEW HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE BEGAN WRANGLING YESTERDAY OVER THE DEGREE OF SECRECY NEEDED FOR THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. PROPOSED RULES FOR THE INQUIRY WOULD LIMIT ACCESS TO THE COMMITTEE'S FILES TO THE COMMITTEE'S 10 MEMBERS AND THE STAFF. (A-2)

THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WARNED YESTERDAY AGAINST ANY MAJOR REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES OVERSEAS UNTIL THE NATION RESOLVES THE UNCERTAINTY THAT FOLLOWED THE FALL OF INDOCHINA. THE COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY CAUTIONED AGAINST ANY MORE REDUCTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY POWER IN THE PACIFIC -- PARTICULARLY SOUTH KOREA. (A-10)

GEORGE LARDNER WRITES THAT POSTMASTER BAILAR HAS ISSUED ORDERS PROHIBITING THE CIA FROM ACCESS TO "ANY KIND OF MAIL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POSTAL SERVICE." BAILAR NOTIFIED CIA DIRECTOR COLBY OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON MARCH 5. (A-16)

PETER OSNOS SAYS THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S WARMEST SPRING IN MORE THAN A CENTURY HOLDS OUT THE PROSPECT OF A BUMPER CROP THIS YEAR, UNLESS A SERIOUS DROUGHT DEVELOPS LIKE THE ONE IN 1972 THAT LED TO MASSIVE PURCHASES FROM AMERICAN GRAIN STOCKS. IF PREDICTIONS OF A GOOD CROP COME TRUE, WESTERN EXPERTS SAY, LAST YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD PROBLEMS MAY BE SOMEWHAT EASED; A HIGHER OVERALL WORLD GRAIN PRODUCTION HAS ALSO BEEN FORECAST. (A-21)

RICHARD HOLBROOKE REPORTS THAT A PLO LEADER BELIEVES THE DEFEAT OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS SHATTERED SOME THEORIES ABOUT THE POWER OF THE U.S. IN TIME, WASHINGTON WILL HAVE TO BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AS IT BECOMES WEAKER AND MORE ISOLATED. INDOCHINA HAS "STRENGTHENED MORALE ... GREATLY" AMONG THE PALESTINIANS. (A-23)

NEWS DISPATCHES REPORT FROM VIENTIANE THAT ABOUT 100 YOUNG MEN INVADDED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.S. AID TODAY. POLICE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE YOUTHS FROM THE COMPOUND. (A-31)

JACK ANDERSON REPORTS THAT CONFIDENTIAL WHITE HOUSE MINUTES REVEAL THAT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS HAD SOME GRAVE APPREHENSIONS OVER PRESIDENT FORD'S PLAN TO RECAPTURE THE MAYAGUEZ. HE CONFIDED TO THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT THE PRC OFFICE IN WASHINGTON REFUSED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO THE CAMBODIANS DEMANDING

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RELEASE OF THE SHIP. HE SAID THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING FINALLY DELIVERED THE MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO THE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY. (E-7)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN THE FIRST POST-VIETNAM WAR TEST OF ITS ATTITUDE ON MILITARY POLICY, VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST REDUCING AMERICAN TROOPS OVERSEAS. (1)

LESLIE GELF WRITES THAT YOU AND GROMYKO HAVE AGREED TO TRY TO COOPERATE ON A FRAMEWORK FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, REPORTERS ABOARD YOUR PLANE WERE TOLD. THE NEWSMEN WERE ALSO TOLD THAT THE AGREEMENT REMAINED TO BE TESTED AND THAT DETAILS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN VIENNA. (1)

A 25-MEMBER INTERNATIONAL PANEL HAS RECOMMENDED SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE UN TO IMPROVE ITS HANDLING OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AND INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. (1)

ACCORDING TO GEORGE ESPER, NEARLY THREE WEEKS AFTER COMMUNIST FORCES TOOK OVER SAIGON WITH ALMOST NO BLOODSHED, THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY. (1)

ACCORDING TO BERNARD GWERTZMAN, MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE JEWS PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION RECENTLY HAD DECIDED TO SETTLE IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL, PRIMARILY THE UNITED STATES. THIS DEVELOPMENT, NOTED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S., MARKS A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN THE PATTERN OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION. (3)

CHRISTOPHER WREN WRITES THAT BREZHNEV, WHO WAS ABSENT FROM OFFICIAL VIEW FOR SEVEN WEEKS LAST WINTER, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF SIGHT AGAIN FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN MOSCOW. (4)

AN EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE SHUTDOWN BY MILITARY ORDER OF THE SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER IN LISBON AFTER ITS SEIZURE BY COMMUNIST EMPLOYEES MOVES PORTUGAL ONE MORE SUBSTANTIAL STEP TOWARD MARXIST DICTATORSHIP AND POSSIBLE CIVIL WAR. ONLY A SHARP REVERSAL OF DIRECTION BY THE RULING ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT -- IN WHICH MODERATE OFFICERS, STILL BELIEVED TO BE A MAJORITY, SEEM TO LOSE EVERY CRUCIAL ROUND TO A MARXIST CABAL -- CAN HEAD OFF CATASTROPHE. (38)

CLARK CLIFFORD SAYS THAT IF PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN FREE TO

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ADOPT THE POLICIES HE DESIRED, THE THIEU GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN KEPT IN POWER A WHILE LONGER, BUT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE SUFFERED MORE GRIEVOUSLY THAN EVER. THESE LONG-SUFFERING PEOPLE WOULD DO WELL TO INCLUDE THE CONGRESS IN THEIR EVENING PRAYERS. (39)

C. L. SULZBERGER WRITES THAT NEXT WEEK'S BONN MEETING OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION ASSEMBLY WILL COINCIDE, ONE OR ANOTHER WAY, WITH A CRISIS OVER AIR DEFENSE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS TRANS-ATLANTIC NATO PARTNERS. JUST AS THE MOMENT FOR FINAL DECISION ARRIVES, THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION WILL FACE A REPORT BY ITS OWN EXPERTS STRESSING THAT THE ISSUE POSED UNDERSCORES "WESTERN EUROPE'S EXTRAORDINARY INABILITY TO TAKE POLITICAL ACTION." (39)

JAMES RESTON THINKS THAT THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT ILLUSTRATES THE NEED FOR A MORE EFFICIENT WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND SUGGESTS A NEW AND PRACTICAL PEACE-KEEPING EFFORT OF THE UN. THE MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IS SWIFT BUT DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS IN MANY AREAS LAG FAR BEHIND. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A WORLDWIDE FIRE-ALARM OR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO EVERY CAPITAL IN THE WORLD -- UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UN. (39)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ACCORDING TO GILBERT LEWTHWAITE, THE SHAH OF IRAN YESTERDAY SUGGESTED THAT THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE BE HELD BEFORE SEPTEMBER IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL. (A-2)

G. JEFFERSON PRICE WRITES THAT RENEWED FIGHTING IN BEIRUT BETWEEN RIGHT-WING NATIONALIST PHALANGISTS AND PALESTINIANS LEFT AT LEAST THREE PERSONS DEAD AND TWO DOZEN WOUNDED YESTERDAY AS POLITICIANS STRUGGLED TO PUT TOGETHER A GOVERNMENT IN THE WAKE OF SIMILAR FIGHTING LAST MONTH. THE BEIRUT MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION ISSUED AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH TO PUT TOGETHER "A POWERFUL GOVERNMENT ABLE TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND APPLY THE LAW FIRMLY TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S LIVES AND PROPERTY." (A-2)

A SUN EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE NEW INDOCHINA CONTAINS OPPORTUNITIES OF THE U.S. THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED IN THE FRUSTRATION OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE OLD POLICIES. WHILE HANOI CALLS THE SHOTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A DEGREE OF SEPARATENESS AND TO EASE TOWARD UNIFICATION. WE SHOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE OVERTURES FROM HO CHI MINH CITY FOR A RESTORATION OF NORMAL RELATIONS. (A-12)

MARQUIS CHILDS VIEWS THE CALL FOR YOUR RESIGNATION BY MAARIV COLUMNIST JOSEPH LAPID AS ONE MORE SIGN OF THE UNHAPPINESS IN ISRAEL OVER YOUR PEACE EFFORTS. THE ISRAELIS APPARENTLY WANT

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TO PUT OFF ANY SETTLEMENT INTO AN INDEFINITE FUTURE. BY SAYING
NO TO YOU, RABIN HAS GREATLY STRENGTHENED THE POSITION OF HIS
GOVERNMENT, BUT THE BREAKDOWN MAY WELL HAVE INCREASED THE CHANCES
FOR ANOTHER CONFLICT. CHILDS SAYS RABIN "SAVED" YOU FROM A
PROBABLE RESIGNATION -- BUT FOR WHAT. (A-12)

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